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HEALTH REPORT FOR 1944

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Health Report for the year 1944, this being the twenty-second one presented by me as your Medical Officer of Health.

The population of the District, as estimated by the Registrar-General for mid-year 1944, was 27,920, as compared with 29,190 last year.

The Birth Rate for the year showed no change from last year, this being 18.3 per thousand of population.

The Death Rate for the year was equal to 14.1 per thousand of population, as compared with 12.4 last year.

The Infantile Mortality Rate showed a small decrease, viz.: 27, as compared with 29 last year. This rate is, however, liable to fluctuate owing to the small numbers involved.

A large decrease took place in the number of notification certificates received, there being 255 as against 896 last year. This decrease is mainly due to a smaller number of cases of Diphtheria and Measles being notified.

In submitting this Report I desire to express my appreciation of the help and assistance I have received from the Council and its Officers, and I would particularly like to place on record my thanks for the efficient and loyal services rendered by all members of the Public Health Department.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P. N. CAVE,
Medical Officer of Health.

Rural District Council of Sevenoaks

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A. D. LOFTS (On Service).	...
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Health Visitor:

Mrs. V. M. BUCKLE.

Clerk:

Mrs. D. NEATE.

STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	62,957
Registrar-General's estimate of population, mid-1944	27,920
Number of occupied houses, December 1944 ...	8,926
Rateable Value of District, December 1944 ... £	205,181
Sum represented by a penny rate, December 1944	£810

VITAL STATISTICS.

				Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated population.
Live Births:	Total.	M.	F.	
Legitimate ...	464	237	227	
Illegitimate ...	48	26	22	
	—	—	—	
	512	263	249	18·3
	—	—	—	
				Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births.
Still-births ...	9	4	5	17·2
				Rate per 1,000 of estimated population.
Deaths	396	194	202	14·1
Deaths from Puerperal causes:				
		Number of Deaths.		Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births.
Puerperal sepsis ... ...	...	—	
Other Puerperal causes ...		1		1·9
Infant deaths:				
		Number of Deaths.		Rate per 1,000 live births.
All infants ... ... ...	...	14		27
				Rate per 1,000 legitimate live births.
Legitimate infants ...	...	13		28
				Rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births.
Illegitimate infants ...	...	1		20

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) ...	...	...	...	...	54
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	...	-
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	...	...	...	...	-
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ...	...	...	...	...	2

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births.—During the year 512 Births were registered as belonging to the District, of which number 263 were males and 249 were females. This is equal to a Birth Rate of 18·3 per thousand of population, as against 12·4 last year.

Deaths.—The number of Deaths registered as belonging to the District was 396 (194 males and 202 females). This gives a Death Rate of 14·1 per thousand of population, as compared with 12·1 last year.

Infant Deaths.—During the year 14 deaths were registered as occurring in infants under one year of age. The Infantile Mortality Rate for the year was equal to 27 per thousand registered births, as compared with 29 last year.

	Sevenoaks Rural District.	England and Wales.
Birth Rate ...	18·3	17·6
Death Rate ...	14·1	11·6
Infantile Mortality Rate	27	29

BIRTH RATES, CIVILIAN DEATH RATES, ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY, MATERNAL MORTALITY AND CASE RATES for certain Infectious Diseases in the Year 1944.

	England and Wales	126 County Boro's and Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns (Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000)	London Administrative County	Sevenoaks Rural District
Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population *					
BIRTHS:					
Live	17.6	20.5	20.9	15.0	18.3
Still	0.50	0.64	0.61	0.42	0.32
DEATHS:					
All Causes	11.6	13.7	12.4	15.7	14.1
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	—
Scarlet Fever	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	—
Whooping Cough	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.04	—
Diphtheria	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01	—
Influenza	0.12	0.10	0.11	0.08	0.17
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	—
Rates per 1,000 Live Births					
Deaths under one year of age	46	52	44	61	27
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under two years of age	4.8	7.3	4.4	10.1	3.9
Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population					
NOTIFICATIONS:					
Typhoid Fever	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	—
Paratyphoid Fever	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	—
Cerebro Spinal Fever	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.06	0.07
Scarlet Fever	2.40	2.41	2.67	1.57	2.36
Whooping Cough	2.49	2.49	2.29	2.90	3.37
Diphtheria	0.58	0.67	0.69	0.31	0.16
Erysipelas	0.29	0.32	0.28	0.37	0.23
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	4.16	4.51	3.94	2.98	1.28
Pneumonia	0.97	1.13	0.82	0.93	1.57
Rates per 1,000 Total Births (i.e. Live and Still)					
NOTIFICATIONS:					
Puerperal Fever	10.34	13.13	9.25	14.14	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	3.61	1.91

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The following Table shows the number of cases of Infectious Disease notified during the year, together with the number removed to hospital:—

Disease	Number Notified	Removed to Hospital
Scarlet Fever	66	51
Diphtheria... ...	3	3
Pneumonia	40	...
Whooping Cough ...	94	...
Erysipelas	7	...
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	2	...
Ophthalmia		
Neonatorum ...	1	...
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	1	...
Measles	36	...
Dysentery	2	...
Poliomyelitis	1	...
Malaria	2	...
 TOTALS	 255	 54

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

The following Table shows the work done at the Diphtheria Immunisation Clinic during the year:—

Number of sessions held	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44
Number of attendances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	974
Number of new cases ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	463

The position as regards immunisation during 1944 is shown by the following:—

June 30th, 1944.

Children under 5 years of age ...	...	...	...	117
Children over 5 years of age ...	...	...	...	93
				210

December 31st, 1944.

Children under 5 years of age ...	...	...	...	125
Children over 5 years of age ...	...	...	...	21
				146
Total number of children immunised throughout the District ...	...	...	...	5,404

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

One case was notified. This was not admitted to hospital and the vision was not impaired.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following Table shows the number of new cases of Tuberculosis notified during the year, together with the number of deaths registered:—

	Notified			Deaths		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Pulmonary	11	7	18	6	2	8
Non-Pulmonary	20	18	38	3	1	4
Totals	31	25	56	9	3	12

Treatment for cases of Tuberculosis is carried out by the Kent County Council, and during the year the following number of patients have received treatment:—

Number receiving sanatorium treatment	...	...	...	23
Number receiving dispensary treatment	...	...	...	23
Dispensary supervision only	...	...	...	75

LABORATORY WORK.

The bacteriological work in connection with this District is carried out at the County Laboratory, Maidstone, and during the year the following number of specimens have been examined there from this District:—

LABORATORY WORK.

	Positive	Negative	Total.
Swabs for Diphtheria	8	11	19
Sputa for Tubercl	21	4	25
Faeces for Dysentery (Salmonilla)	71	79	150
Faeces for Dysentery (Group B. Newport)	60	46	106
Urine for Tubercl	1	—	1
Totals	161	140	301

ISOLATION HOSPITALS.

Two Isolation Hospitals serve the District, viz.: the North and the South Isolation Hospitals.

DRAINAGE.

Increasing difficulty in obtaining labour caused much delay in carrying out drainage and general work.

The following extensions, etc., of sewers were carried out:—

SOUTHERN AREA.

Mark Beech.—150 yards of 6in. drain to cowsheds

Hever.—120 feet of 4in. drain.

Marsh Green.—Complete new drainage system, two new water closets, bath, sink, inspection chambers, and connected to the sewer.

Chiddingstone.—Blocked sewer cleansed.

Four Elms.—Cesspool reconstructed.

Chiddingstone.—Complete new drainage system: 100 feet of 4in. pipe. Complete new drainage system: 150 feet of 4in. pipe. New sink and waste pipe.

Mark Beech.—Two new water closets built, and connected to existing drainage.

Edenbridge.—Existing drain cleared, and 50 feet of new drain laid.

Leigh.—Existing drain cleared, and 40 feet of 6in. drain constructed.

NORTHERN AREA.

Halstead.—50 feet of 4in. drain connected to new cesspool.

Kemsing.—100 feet of 4in. drain.

Shoreham.—80 feet of 4in. drain.

SANITARY STATISTICS.

No. of houses connected to the sewers	No. of houses not connected to sewers	No. of houses not provided with a piped water supply	No. of wells still in use for purpose of domestic supply
5663 (approx)	3421 (approx)	882	270 (approx)

SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

W. C's	Pan or pail Closets	Midden Privies	Ashpits separate from Midden Privies	Cesspools	
				No. of	No. of houses into
8380 (Approx)	682 (Approx)	39	113	2832	1434

CESSPOOL EMPTYING.

A scheme for the emptying of cesspools was put into operation in February 1936. The cesspool contents are disposed of by spreading over farm land at certain selected points (with the intensive cultivation of land the number of disposal points have been materially reduced). No complaints were received during the year under review. Military and other occupation of premises has again had a considerable effect in increasing the number of emptyings, and it has again been necessary for an appreciable amount of overtime to be worked. The total number of cesspools emptied during the year amounted to 1,393.

Details of the work carried out are set out below:—

CESSPOOL MACHINES.

Total cesspools emptied	...	...	...	...	...	1,393
Number of 750-gallon loads	...	...	...	...	...	2,858
Gallons of sewage	...	...	...	...	...	2,143,500
Miles travelled	...	...	...	...	...	13,597
Petrol consumed (gallons)	...	...	...	...	...	2,047
Miles per gallon (including petrol for vacuum)	...	...	...	...	...	6.642
Number of working days	...	...	...	...	...	240
Cesspools emptied per day	...	...	...	...	...	5.8
Petrol per day	...	...	...	...	...	8.53

NUMBER OF CESSPOOLS EMPTIED IN EACH PARISH.

		Free.	Charge.
Brasted	...	37	13
Chevening	...	19	5
Chiddingstone	...	29	5
Cowden	...	17	1
Edenbridge	...	126	10
Seal	...	134	25
Weald	...	45	13
Shoreham	...	31	3
Sundridge	...	56	—
Westerham	...	90	140
Hever	...	65	22
Leigh	...	13	2
Kemsing	...	85	56
Otford	...	92	—
Penshurst	...	44	1
Riverhead	...	2	61
Halstead	...	131	12
Dunton Green	...	2	—
Miscellaneous	...	—	6
		<hr/> 1,018	<hr/> 375

WATER SUPPLY.

Northern Area.

No complaints were received during the year with regard to the quality of the water supplied. One complaint was received with respect to the quantity, which was found to be due to drought.

During the year the following number of examinations of water have been carried out:—

No water supply is suspected of plumbo-solvent action, nor has any notification been received of plumbo-solvent action.

Approximately 89 per cent of the dwelling-houses are supplied with a piped supply of water direct from the mains.

Seven houses, accommodating 21 persons, received water by means of standpipes.

Southern Area.

No complaints were received during the year with regard to the quantity of water supplied.

A monthly analysis of the water is carried out, and was found satisfactory in every case.

The following number of samples were examined during the year:—

The unsatisfactory sample was taken from a well. Remedial works were carried out, and subsequent samples proved satisfactory.

There has been no case where plumbo-solvent action was suspected, and no complaints were received.

There has been no known contamination of the water supplied by the Water Company. In two cases unsatisfactory water was found to be caused by surface water polluting the wells. These were both remedied.

The following Table gives particulars of the water supplied to houses within the area:—

Houses connected to the Company's mains	...	...	...	2,855
Houses supplied by wells or springs	...	...	...	116

Total number of dwelling-houses in area	...	...	...	2,971

Percentage of houses with main supply (approximately)	...	95 %		
Percentage of houses supplied by wells or springs (do.)	...	5 %		
Houses supplied by standpoint (supplying 25 persons)	...	1		

HOUSE REFUSE AND SALVAGE COLLECTION.

The collection of house refuse and salvage is carried out by direct labour, four vehicles being employed. A reconditioned lorry obtained in 1941 is used for collection from premises where the amount of salvage is too great to be collected by the house refuse vehicles on their routine collections. This lorry is also used as an emergency collection vehicle if breakdowns occur.

The major difficulties again experienced during the year have been staff replacements. Three women are still employed, while the remainder of the staff consist of men over military age or unfit for military service. At this stage it is increasingly difficult to obtain labour for this type of work.

Salvage collection has again received much attention, and while, as anticipated, there was a reduction in the amount, 181 tons of general salvage was disposed of, the approximate receipts being £930. In addition, 63 tons was disposed of by voluntary organisations. As complete returns are not available from all organisations, the actual amount is no doubt considerably in excess of this figure. The voluntary organizations sell the material collected and devote the proceeds to various charities.

During the year under review a Book Drive was held in the District during the month of June. A target figure of 50,000 was set and it was a source of gratification that this figure was exceeded by nearly 10,000. The greatest assistance was rendered by the schoolchildren, and valuable help was given by the various head masters and mistresses.

Much assistance has again been rendered by salvage stewards and schoolchildren, particularly in the remote and isolated parts of the District.

	Bedford	Bedford	Bedford	Bedford
	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4
Miles travelled	...	7,602	6,562	6,910
Petrol consumed (gallons)	...	762	853	967
Miles per gallon	...	9.976	7.692	7.146
Loads collected	...	513½	373½	305
Average weight per load (varying)	2 tons	2 tons	2 tons	2 tons

HOUSING.

1.—Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

(1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	117
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose...	117
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	18
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose...	18
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	117

2.—Remedy of Defects during the Year without service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	57
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3.—Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:	
(a) By owners	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners...	Nil
(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	9
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
(a) By owners	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners...	Nil
(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil
(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:	

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made Nil
 (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit Nil

4.—Housing Act, 1936, Part IV: Overcrowding.

- (a) (i) Number of dwelling-houses overcrowded at end of year 28
 (ii) Number of families dwelling therein 32
 (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein 150
 (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year 5
 (c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year Nil
 (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... Nil
 (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding: 5 houses due to bombing.
 (e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which you may consider it desirable to report Nil

Number of new houses erected during the year:

- By the Local Authority Nil
 By other persons Nil

SANITARY STAFF.

Two full-time Sanitary Inspectors are employed by the Council, together with an Assistant Salvage Officer and an unqualified Assistant for the Northern Area.

Mr. E. J. A. Bettle holds the additional appointment as A.R.P. Training Officer, and is also responsible for the decontamination of food, clothing, vehicles, equipment, etc. Refresher courses for the personnel concerned were carried out during the year.

Sixty-one visits were made in connection with Civil Defence duties, 4 lectures or demonstrations were given during office hours, and 34 lectures and demonstrations were given out of office hours, making a total of 38 for the year.

HEALTH VISITOR.

The Council employs one full-time Health Visitor, who works under the supervision of the Medical Officer of Health.

During the year she has paid the following number of visits:—

			Primary Visits.	Revisits.
Tuberculosis:	Pulmonary	...	18	94
	Non-pulmonary	...	38	45
Scarlet Fever	...	...	42	36
Measles	...	...	32	40
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	1	—
Diphtheria	...	...	3	14
Visits re evacuation	...	...		246
Visits re Nursing Homes	...	...		6
Other visits	...	...		104

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

The Maternity and Child Welfare work in this District is under the control of the Kent County Council.

The following Clinics have been established:—

Brasted & Sundridge	Village Hall	.....	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Dunton Green	Village Hall	.....	2nd & 4th Wednesdays
Edenbridge	Church House	.....	1st & 3rdd Fridays
Halstead	Village Hall	.....	1st & 3rd Thursdays
Kemsing	St. Edith's Hall	.....	1st, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays
Mark Beech	Village Hall	.....	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Otford	Memcrial Hall	.....	2nd & 4th Fridays
Stone Street	St. Lawrence Hall	....	2nd & 4th Fridays
Westerham	Women's Institute	....	1st & 3rd Thursdays
Four Elms	Village Hall	.....	2nd & 4th Wednesdays
Crockham Hill	"Lowlands"	.....	4th Friday
Leigh	Village Hall, High St.	...	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Penshurst	Village Hall	.....	1st & 3rd Wednesdays
Seal	Village Hall	.....	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Shoreham	Village Hall	.....	2nd & 4th Thursdays
Weald	Windmill Inn	.....	2nd & 4th Thursdays

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.

Dunton Green	Village Hall	.....	Third Wednesday
Edenbridge	Church House	.....	First Wednesday
Kemsing	St. Edith's Hall	.....	Second Tuesday
Sundridge	Village Hall	.....	Third Monday

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There are five swimming baths and pools in this District.

During the year two inspections in the Southern Area and five inspections in the Northern Area were made.

It was not found necessary to take any action during the year.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

During the year the following number of houses were found to be infested:—

Northern Area. Southern Area.

Council houses	...	...	...	2	-
Other houses	...	...	...	2	7

Southern Area.—In most cases the occupiers were supplied with sulphur candles and advised as to their use. Seven privately owned houses were disinfested against bugs and fleas. The infestations in each case was of a minor character.

Northern Area.—One Council and two privately owned houses were treated with zaldecide and sulphur candles against bugs.

NURSING FACILITIES.

The District Nursing Association, which is affiliated to the Kent County Nursing Association, provides the nursing facilities for this District.

NURSING AND MATERNITY HOMES.

The County Council has delegated to the District Council the powers under the Public Health Act relating to Nursing and Maternity Homes.

There are three registered premises within the District, which provide one bed for maternity cases and 22 beds for other cases.

REGULATED TRADES.

	Number of Premises	Visits Paid	Defects.	
			Found.	Remedied.
Dairies ...	200	599	5	5
Cowsheds ...	190		14	10
Slaughterhouses :				
Licensed ...	9	{ Not in use in 1944		
Registered ...	18			
Bakehouses ...	23	59	2	2
Piggeries ...	5	7	—	—
Other food preparing places	62	202	2	2
Factories ...	201	99	2	2
Workshops ...	—	—	—	—
Workplaces ...	8	4	—	—
Common Lodging Houses...	—	—	—	—
Houses Let in Lodgings ...	1	1	—	—
 Totals ...	717	981	25	21

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936.

The Council has granted the following number of licences during the year under the above Order:—

Pasteurised principal licence	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Pasteurised supplemental licence	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Accredited dealer's licence	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Tuberculin Tested dealer's licence	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Tuberculin Tested supplemental licence	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

MILK SUPPLY.

The following Table shows particulars with respect to the numbers of samples taken during the year, together with the results of the examinations:—

Designation.	Number Taken.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.	Positive.	Negative.
Tuberculin Tested	S. 38	33	5		
	N. 125	106	19		
Accredited	S. 109	93	16		
	N. 76	62	14		
Accredited for T.B.	S. 8	8	—		8
	N. 3	1	2	2	1
Accredited supplied to Schools	S. 3	3	—		—
	N. 2	2	—		—
New Milk for T.B.	S. 11	11	—		11
	N. 5	5	—		5
New Milk for Solids	S. 1	1	—		—
	N. —	—	—		—
New Milk for Bacteria Count	S. 2	2	—		—
	N. —	—	—		—
New Milk supplied to Schools	S. 3	3	—		—
	N. 1	1	—		—
Pasteurised supplied to Schools	S. —	—	—		—
	N. 2	2	—		—
T.T. supplied to Schools	S. —	—	—		—
	N. 4	4	—		4
T.T. for T.B. Bacilli	S. —	—	—		—
	N. 1	1	—		1
Totals	394	338	56	2	30

S—Southern Area. N—Northern Area.

MEAT INSPECTION.

The number of pigs slaughtered by persons other than butchers were:—

Southern Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Northern Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16

All the above were found to be fit for human consumption.

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION.

NORTHERN AREA.

MEAT.	Weight.	OTHER CONDEMNED TINNED FOODSTUFFS.
Pork	130 lbs.	Tins.
,, (frozen)	40 "	Milk 252
Beef (imported)	20 "	Beans 22
Pork Sausages	29 "	Plums 9
	—	Peas 2
Total Weight	219 "	Jam 1
	—	Scotch Broth 4
FISH.	Stone lbs.	Pea Soup 38
Fillets	33 13	Carrots 5
Sea Bream	5 —	Baking Powder 1
	—	
Total Weight ...	38 13	Total Tins 334
Kippers	1½ boxes	
TINNED MEAT.	Tins.	FLOUR.
Meat Loaf	3	Stone lbs.
Stewed Steak	4	Wheaten 29 3
Cooked Meat	2	Soya 1 1
" Spam "	4	
Pork Loaf	1	Total Weight ... 30 4
Luncheon Pork	29	
,, Meat	2	VARIED CONDEMNED FOODSTUFFS.
Tongue	5	
Minced Beef	1	cwts. qrs. lbs.
Chopped Ham	1	Semolina — — 18
	—	Arrowroot — — 6½
Total Tins	52	Rice — — 1
	—	Sugar — — 14
TINNED FISH.	Tins.	Butter — 1 22
Pilchards	15	Spaghetti — — 3
Sardines	6	Macaroni — 1 3
	—	Lard — — 10
Total Tins	21	Dripping — — 10
	—	Biscuits — — 15
BACON.	cwts. qrs. lbs.	Coffee — — 20
Total weight ...	1 2 5½	Custard Powder 1 — ¾
DRIED FRUIT.	cwts. qrs. lbs.	Cake — — 3
Sultanas	31 — 13	Tomatoes — — 1
Peaches	47 — —	Tea — — 6
Figs	— — 22	Haricot Beans... — — 9
Apricots	— — 25	Spring Cabbage. 17 — 21
Dates	— — 17½	
Raisins	— — 3	Total Weight... 20 2 21¼
Prunes	— — 22	
	—	
Total Weight ...	79 — 18½	Pickles 136 jars
	—	Yeast Spread 4 "
	—	Jam 10 "
	—	Shredded Wheat 8 packets
	—	Sponge Mixture 24 "
	—	Oranges 106 cases of 100

Pigs slaughtered under licence from Local Food Office: 16,

SOUTHERN AREA.

Tinned foods—various meat and vegetables, fish, etc. ...	122 tins
Bacon	34½ lbs.
Butter	17 lbs.
Fish (fresh)	10 stones
Sugar	56 lbs.
Cheese	4 lbs.

SHOPS ACTS.

The work under the Shops Acts is carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors.

The following work has been carried out during the year:—

Southern Area.—48 inspections were made, and 10 verbal notices were given.

Northern Area.—123 visits were paid, and one verbal notice was given.

CAMPING SITES.

In the Southern Area only one Camping Site was in use, a licence in respect of two persons being given. Four inspections were paid.

In the Northern Area only one Camping Site was in use, and four inspections were made.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No action was necessary during the year.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

It was not found necessary to take legal proceedings during the year to enforce the abatement of nuisances.

ADOPTIVE ACTS AND BYELAWS.

No Acts or Byelaws were adopted during the year.

DEATHS REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR 1944.

Disease	Males.	Females.	Total.
Typhoid Fever, ...	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough	...	...	...
Diphtheria	...	...	...
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	6	2	8
Other tuberculous diseases ...	3	1	4
Syphilitic diseases	...	1	1
Influenza	1	4	5
Measles	...	...	...
Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...
Acute Infantile Encephalitis	1	...	1
Cancer of Bronchial Cavity	2	3	5
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	5	5	10
Cancer of the Breast	...	8	8
Cancer, all other forms	19	12	31
Diabetes	...	2	2
Intra cranial ves. lesions	17	21	38
Heart diseases	57	58	115
Other diseases of circulatory system	2	7	9
Bronchitis	5	5	10
Pneumonia (all forms)	8	10	18
Other respiratory diseases	...	4	4
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	2	...	2
Diarrhoea, (under 2 years) ...	1	1	2
Appendicitis	2	...	2
Other digestive diseases	4	9	13
Nephritis	7	3	10
Post and post-abortive sepsis	...	...	...
Other maternal causes	...	1	1
Premature Birth	3	...	3
Congenital malformation and birth injury	2	1	3
Suicide	1	1	2
Road accidents	3	1	4
Other violent causes	25	30	55
All other causes	18	12	30
 TOTALS	 ...	 194	 202
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